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NEW DELHI, CALCUTTA APRIL 6, 1973 FROM DACCA IS REPEATED TO
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SUBJECT: HAKSAR VISIT

1. ON APRIL 5 PRESS CONFERENCE ON BDG TALKS WITH GOI
SPECIAL EMISSARY P. N. HAKSAR, BD FORMIN KAMAL
HOSSAIN REAFFIRMED PREVIOUSLY ENUNCIATED BDG
POSITION RE SETTLEMENT WITH PAKISTAN. HE NOTED
SPECIFICALLY THAT BDG CONTINUED DEMAND PAK
RECOGNITION AS PRECONDITION TO POW RELEASE AND
INTENDED HOLD WAR CRIMES TRIALS " AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE". BEYOND THESE OBSERVATIONS, KAMAL
REFRAINED FROM DESCRIBING TALKS, STATING ONLY
THAT " ALL MATTERS CONCERNING THE SUBCONTINENT
WERE DISCUSSED IN DEPTH". FONMIN CRITICIZED
PRESS FOR " DRAMATIZING" HAKSAR VISIT,
MAINTAINING THAT TALKS SIMPLY PART OF " PROCESS OF
COMMUNICATION" BETWEEN BDG AND GOI. HE ALSO DENIED HAKSAR
PLANNED TRAVEL TO ISLAMABAD AFTER LEAVING DACCA.

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2. HAKSAR HIMSELF, IN RESPONSE TO NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS, COMMENTED ONLY THAT HE WAS " MORE THAN SATISFIED" WITH TALKS. HE DESCRIBED AS " NOT CORRECT" PRESS REPORTS CLAIMING THAT LETTER HE HAD CARRIED TO MUJIB FROM MRS. GANDHI HAD PROPOSED RELEASE OF PAK POWS NOT WANTED FOR TRIAL WITHOUT PRIOR PAK RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH.

3. COMMENT: STILL NOT CLEAR JUST WHAT HAKSAR, MUJIB AND KAMAL HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING, BUT IF HAKSAR WISHED PERSUADE BENGALIEES SOFTEN THEIR STANCE, IT APPEARS HE HAS FAILED.
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